

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Please add the following new claim:

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38. A heat exchanger comprising:

a heating medium channel for passing a high-temperature heating medium;

a fuel channel provided adjacent to the heating medium channel and

separated from the heating medium channels through a partition wall, the fuel channels being supplied with liquid fuel from above the heating medium channels to vaporize the liquid fuel by heat exchange with the high-temperature heating medium; a fuel supply plate provided above the heat medium channels, the fuel supply plate having a plurality of holes for passing the liquid fuel; and

avoiding portions for preventing the liquid fuel, which are flown out from the adjacent holes, from being mixed with each other.